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# CATALOGUE OF BULBS

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**F**OR WINTER AND  
SPRING BLOOMING  
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## A. Blanc & Co.

314 NORTH ELEVENTH ST.,

IMPORTERS OF  
BULBS, PLANTS AND CACTI.

## Philadelphia.





JAPANESE PINK SPIDER LILY. (See page 11.)

# ILLUSTRATED LIST OF A FEW BULBS FOR WINTER BLOOMING

OFFERED BY

**A. BLANC & Co.,**

314 NORTH ELEVENTH STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

**CULTURE OF BULBS.** All hardy bulbs may be planted out at any time when the ground can be worked. Plant rather deep; a covering is always a protection. Bulbs for blooming in the house may be potted as soon as received. Any good garden soil will answer, to which may be added some leaf mold and sand, if convenient. Small bulbs should be planted five or six together in one pot; let them be well covered with soil. Give a good watering and set them in some cool, shady place where the soil will not dry up too quickly so that they can form good roots. As soon as the leaves are well above the soil they may be brought in to bloom. Place them in a sunny, airy window, water them well and flowers will soon appear to delight you. After blooming, let the foliage grow until it turns yellow, when watering must be stopped, and the bulbs allowed to dry until the next flowering season, when they can again be treated as before.

**All Bulbs are sent postpaid on receipt of price.**



# ILLUSTRATED LIST OF WINTER BLOOMING BULBS.

## ALLIUMS

Are grown extensively for their ornamental qualities, being hardy, showy, and blooming for a considerable length of time.



ALLIUM NEAPOLITANUM.

**Allium Neapolitanum** is amongst the earliest and grandest of winter bloomers. Its flower stems are 20 inches high, supporting a large cluster of delicate white starry flowers; sure to bloom splendidly in any window. 5 cents each, 30 cents per dozen.

**A. Moly** (Golden Allium). Perfectly hardy, growing one foot high and covered

with large clusters of golden flowers. Most desirable for the garden. 3 for 10 cents, 25 cents per dozen, \$1.50 per 100.

## ALSTRÆMERIAS. (*Peruvian Lilies*.)

A very interesting and showy family, rapidly rising in



ALSTRÆMERIAS.

favor since they are becoming better known. In dry well drained positions they are one of the most useful groups in cultivation; hardy when well established, and very varied in colors (orange, yellow, scarlet, pink, white and black, beautifully blended—many sorts being striped and blotched). Free bloomers. Plant the tuberous roots one foot deep. Mixed varieties, 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per dozen.



AMARYLLIS BELLADONNA SPECTABILIS.

## AMARYLLIS.

The Amaryllis give great satisfaction for winter bloom, and constantly increase in beauty and value. They require so little attention, and give such excellent results, that we wish to urge their wider use. Nothing can be finer for growing in windows, their beautiful, lily-like flowers always attracting great attention from passers-by. Then they are so lasting—the blooms will keep in perfection for several weeks after opening in contrast to other fleeting flowers.

**Amaryllis Belladonna Spectabilis Bicolor.** The finest of all the Belladonna lilies, and bearing flowers larger than the type on stalks 1½ to 2 feet high. The colors are of a deep silvery pubescent rose, and often striped or marbled in bright carmine. The perfume is delicious. They frequently begin to bloom as soon as planted. In mild localities this Amaryllis is perfectly hardy if planted 5 to 6 inches deep. It enjoys a light, sandy, well drained soil. 25 cents each, \$2 per dozen.

**The Common Belladonna Lily.** 20 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

**A. Formosissima.** Most beautiful; intense dark red velvety flowers; a bulb which always gives satisfaction, and is certain to bloom early in the year. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

**A. Regina.** Queen Lily; bears large flowers in great quantity; color vivid orange, with a white star-like throat shaded with green and crimson; the finest bloomer of all the Amaryllis. \$3 per dozen.

**A. Sulphurea (Zephyranthes).** A fine yellow spring blooming Amaryllis; flowers often measuring 3½ inches across, and lasting for several days. This should be thoroughly advertised, being a first-class novelty. Sure to please every purchaser. It rivals the famous Golden Lily (*Lycoris aurea*), for which \$1 and \$2 is usually asked. 25 cents each.

The three Zephyranthes for 35 cents.





AMARYLLIS ATAMASCO.

**Amaryllis, Contined.**

**A. Atamasco (Zephyranthes)** (Suwanee Lily). Similar to the foregoing, the color being a pure white; a very chaste flower. 10 cents each, 3 for 25 cents.

**A. Atamasco Rosea (Zephyranthes.)** When first opened the flowers are a soft rosy pink, gradually growing lighter until they are pure white, tinged or blushed with rose. A bed or mass of these produces a most pleasing effect by the different shading of the flowers. 10 cents each, 3 for 25 cents.

**AMORPHOPHALLUS.**

**Amorphophallus Rivieri** (Snake Palm). Remarkable and showy plants, growing to an enormous size; beautiful palm-like foliage and curious flowers. Should be potted towards the end of the year and will then make fine growth. 25 cents to \$1 each, \$2.50 per doz.

**A. Campanulatus.** One of the most wonderful Aroids in existence. The flowers measure six feet in circumference; colors red, black and brown. Foliage most magnificent palm-like, graceful; of easy growth. Fine bulbs, \$1 up to \$5.



AMORPHOPHALLUS RIVIERI, J

**ANOMATHECA CRUENTA.**

Has been extensively advertised as a "Scarlet Freesia," which it does not resemble at all; the flowers, however, are very brilliant—a rich crimson, three of the lower segments being marked with a black spot. Not quite hardy, but beautiful for growing in pots, blooming profusely and lasting a long time. It will please the planter with its rich and bright flowers. 10 cts. each, \$1 per doz.

**ANTHOLYZA.**

A scarce bulb. Quite hardy if planted in a warm sheltered border, well drained, but especially useful for growing in pots, as it can be had in bloom by Christmas. The flowers, borne on tall spikes, are very numerous, and of the brightest colors imaginable, scarlet, golden, orange, green and blue being agreeably blended. A few bulbs will insure a supply for many years to come. Few bulbs of the cost will give better results. 15 cents each, \$1.25 per dozen.

It will be noted that many of the bulbs offered in this little catalogue are unfamiliar. The fact is, that Hyacinths, Tulips, etc., have had so much attention that many other excellent things have been overlooked which are beautiful and attractive, and worthy of extended culture. Now our effort in this little catalogue is to bring some of these before you, and we believe we are safe in saying that a more unique collection has never been offered.



ANTHOLYZA.

**APIOS TUBEROSA.**

Elegant climbing tuberous plant. Large clusters of brownish purple, sweet flowers in July. Plant in fall, 10 c. ea., \$1 per doz.





ARUM SANCTUM (Black Calla.)

## ARUMS.

Of these curious plants we have the largest collection in the United States—some 50 varieties. Their fine foliage, exceedingly remarkable and large flowers are very attractive. We mention a few as follows:

**ARUM SANCTUM** (Solomon's Lily). During the reign of Solomon, the kingdom of Judæa reached the summit of its worldly splendor. He was the wisest, the richest, the most powerful of kings; so widely extended was the fame of his character and magnificence that distant nations sent him offerings of their most wonderful treasures. With the vast influx of precious metals came the wonders and curios of the then known world. This great Lily or Arum probably came from Egypt, as the reigning Pharaoh was suing for the great King Solomon's favor; and thus the mind is carried back to the very dawn of history. The bulbs of *Arum Sanctum* (Solomon's Lily) which we offer, came from around and about Jerusalem, where they are grown, making each one a valuable souvenir of the Holy Land. Heretofore this rare flower has been seen only in rich botanical collections, it being too scarce for general distribution. At last we are able to get it in sufficient quantity and at low enough price to put it within the reach of all who prize wonderful and scarce varieties. It is very difficult to properly describe the *Arum Sanctum*, and we regret we do not have a colored plate to aid us. Our illustration conveys only a partial idea of its distinctive splendor; the magnificent flowers are *sweet-scented* and often over a foot long, seven to nine inches across, and so beautifully shaped and turned that they must have served as models for the exquisite vases and sculptures of the great ancient artists; color the richest velvety black imaginable; spike or spadix rises ten to twelve inches and is ebony black; splendid rich green luxuriant

foliage. Our friends and customers will be glad to hear that all who can grow a Calla Lily can as easily grow this remarkable novelty, needing only a somewhat larger pot or box and rather richer soil. \$1.25 each, \$15 per dozen. (Described as above by a very conservative firm.)

**A. Crinitum** (Fly-Catcher). A native of Turkey. Its great greenish red spotted spathe about a foot in length is twisted at the base and dotted inside with violet colored hairs directed downward, preventing flies and other insects which have been attracted into its capacious throat from making their escape; hardy with protection. 30 cents each, \$3 per dozen.



ARUM CRINITUM.

**A. Dracunculus.** The beautiful foliage stems are handsomely marked and spotted. Leaves large, palm-like and ornamental; flowers most curious and interesting, a foot long, of blackish violet color; hardy. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

**A. Italicum.** Flowers greenish white; foliage delicately veined white; beautiful coral red seeds; a fine plant. 10 cents each, \$1 per dozen.

**A. Pictum.** A Corsican species with large, dark, almost black flowers of very peculiar shape as shown in cut. Black-ribbed and striped, very interesting in any collection. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.



ARUM PICTUM.

**A. Maculatum Album** (Spotted Calla). What can be more beautiful near Easter time than a fine plant of this charming lily! Were this high priced, it would, perhaps, receive greater praise—yet few decorative plants could be more ornamental. Extra large bulbs for immediate growth and flowering, dry, 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.



ARUM DETRUNCATUM.

**A. Detruncatum.** Magnificent large Calla-like flowers; light olive green, spotted with purple; very rare. \$1 each.



**Arum**, continued.

**Arum Syriacum.** A beautiful autumn-flowering species, rivalling the black calla. The flowers, which are very large, are quite black inside, while outside they are of a rich olive green color, blotched and copiously striped.



ARUM SYRIACUM.

This novelty is sure to please amateurs and lovers of the curious and interesting, the more so because the flowers have no disagreeable odor. The bulbs bloom almost as soon as planted. Price, 75 cents each.

**BABIANAS.**

Were these to be offered as the "Blue Gladiolus," they would no doubt create a sensation—and why not? Most people would really take them as such, and indeed many of the varieties are far more beautiful and interesting. The six petaled flowers are often alternately white and blue—sometimes the three upper petals are blue and the lower ones white; others are striped, blotched and bordered blue. Deep crimson, magenta,



BABIANAS. (Baboon Flower.)

rose, violet, purple, lavender, mauve are colors represented in these. Best grown as a house plant—several in a pot. 10 cents each, \$1 per dozen.



BRODIAEA COCCINEA (Fire-Cracker Plant).

**BRODIAEAS.**

**Brodiaea Grandiflora.** One of the finest of the Brodiaeas, having dwarf flower stems, terminated by an umbel of numerous large flowers, varying from light purple to rose color, lasting in bloom several weeks. 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen.

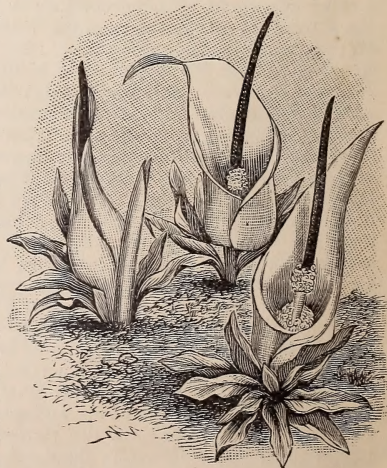
**B. Capitata.** Most useful for planting with the above, and thereby prolonging the blooming period; flower stems taller; dense masses of large purple flowers. 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen.

**B. Coccinea** (Crimson Satin Flower). Also called the "Fire Cracker Plant." Flowers produced in drooping umbels on stems  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 feet high. Color deep crimson red, the lip being a vivid green. Unlike some Brodiaeas and Calochortus, this is of easiest growth, succeeding in any soil. 10 cts. ea., \$1 per doz.

**B. Mixed Varieties.** Various colors, 5 cents each, 6 for 25 cts.

**BIARUM BOWIEI.**

Interesting species with olive-green flowers of peculiar growth—very scarce. Illustrated in our cut; easy to grow, sure to bloom, and will attract much attention when in bloom. 30 cents each, \$3 per dozen.



BIARUM BOWIEI.



### BESSERA ELEGANS.

Mexican bulbs for early spring blooming; stems one foot high, supporting an umbel of 10 to 16 drooping bell-shaped flowers; bright vermillion outside, inside rosy white margined with red. 15 cents each, \$1 per doz.

### CALYSTEGIA. (*Double Pink Morning Glory.*)

Roots of this, set out in the fall, will give greatest satisfaction. They should be kept in sand in a cool place until planted. The demand for this hardy Double Pink Morning Glory has been very great this year, and it promises to continue next season. Flowers like a beautiful pink Polyantha Rose—perfectly hardy. If planted in the garden it is best to confine the roots in a large pot or box, when it will be found very fine for covering a

trellis or arbor; it will bloom early and freely. 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per dozen.

### CALOCHORTUS WEEDI.

The most beautiful and largest of all the Butterfly Lilies. Its immense flowers, which are golden yellow in color, delicately dotted with brown, are covered with silky hairs; robust and easily grown; plant 5 to 6 inches deep. These "Mariposa Tulips" or "Butterfly Lilies" are most interesting and beautiful, and always please. 15 cts. each, \$1.50 per dozen.



CAMASSIA FRASERI.

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Beautiful and vigorous hardy bulb, bearing loose racemes of 20 to 30 flowers on spikes 1 to 3 feet high. Colors deep to a pale blue. Fine for cutting, as they remain perfect for a long time. Produces a striking effect in the garden; a decided acquisition. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per doz.

### CRINUMS.

**Crinum Capense Rosea.** While much praise has been bestowed on some southern Crinum sold at \$1 to \$3 each, here is one which is just as beautiful, and which would be perfectly hardy in any but the most northern localities, with a slight protection. But it is really too beautiful a flower to plant in the garden, and can best be enjoyed indoors. Its flowers are borne on stems 2 to 3 feet high; they are very large, funnel-shaped, white tinged with red, and produced in umbels of 10 to 20 flowers, frequently blooming several times during the season. When planted in the garden they enjoy deep planting, very rich soil with an abundance of water in summer, a warm position, and will increase rapidly in numbers. Do not fail to try this. Price for large blooming size bulbs, 30 and 50 cents each, \$3 per doz.

**A Variety** with pure white flowers; very chaste and rare. 50 cents each, \$4 per dozen.



CRINUM

- C. Kirky.** For summer blooming; extra large flowers striped with rose; fine pot plant. \$1 each.
- C. Americanum.** Large spikes of delicious white sweet-scented flowers. Large bulbs, 35 cents each, \$3.50 per dozen.
- C. Yemense.** The finest of all Crinum that has ever been introduced; but lately discovered and described. It grows on moist spots in Arabia, whence we have been fortunate enough to import a large number of bulbs. The well-scented flowers are very large and of a brilliant white color, with rose-red stripes and red buds. It is quite hardy, and can be treated as *Crinum Capense*; very suitable for the cool house and groups. It flowers the whole summer and produces flower stalks repeatedly. This is rare and extremely beautiful, and we advise early orders—the supply is limited. \$1.50 each.





HARDY CYCLAMENS.

**CYCLAMEN.**

Certainly most interesting and beautiful winter and spring flowering bulbs. Not only are the flowers of striking beauty, but the foliage is also highly ornamental, being handsomely marked with various shades of green, gray and white. The sorts offered here are considered hardy, and would no doubt prove so in any but the coldest locality, but it would seem wasteful to plant them out, when their extreme beauty could be enjoyed indoors during winter and summer. They begin to bloom as soon as planted, and then produce their fine foliage in abundance. If planted out, a sheltered nook should be selected; they are excellent for rockeries and semi-wild places. Cover the bulbs with one inch of soil. Fine bulbs, 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.



COLCHICUM AGRIPPINA.

**COLCHICUM  
AGRIPPINA  
VARIEGATUM.**

A pretty checkered autumn large-flowering crocus. Rose color, marked with purple violet checks. This is a native of the Islands of the Grecian Archipelago, and is also found in Asia Minor. The rarest and most beautiful of all the autumn flowering crocus, and most desirable on account of its season of bloom. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

**DIELYTRA SPECTABILIS.**

(Bleeding Heart.)

Excellent for forcing or early blooming in open ground; perfectly hardy and forms large clumps; flowers heart-shaped, pink. 20 cents each, \$2 per dozen.

**ERANTHIS.**

What can be more lovely in early spring than the large golden blossoms of the Winter Aconite, in contrast with the whorl of shining emerald green cushion of leaves peeping through the snow. Growing in any soil, it soon finds a home in the garden. 5 cts. each, 50 cts. per doz.



GALTONIA CANDICANS.

**GALTONIA CANDICANS.**

(Hyacinthus Candicans.)

Being perfectly hardy, this should really be offered in the fall catalogues. Each bulb bears in great profusion tall spikes crowded with large pure white, bell-shaped flowers, much like a giant hyacinth. A most attractive plant. 10 cents each, \$1 per doz.

**FRITILLARIAS.**

Guinea-Hen, Snake-Head and other curious names are given to these very interesting flowers. They are most delicate and pretty, many sorts being finely checkered and marked in bright colors. Being perfectly hardy, they succeed well in any garden soil, and need only be replanted every three or four years. As pot plants they are very desirable; should be grown in a cool place. 5 cents each, 6 for 25 cents.



FRITILLARIAS.



# IRIS KÄMPFERI



## IRIS.

**JAPAN IRIS (Iris Kämpferi.)** The magnificence of these splendid new Irises surpasses description in beauty, size of flower, richness of coloring; they are grand! The flowers are enormous, averaging from 6 to 8 inches across, and of indescribable and charming hues and colors, varying like watered silk in the sunlight, the prevailing colors being white, crimson, rose, lilac, lavender, violet and blue, each flower usually representing several shades. A golden yellow blotch, surrounded by a halo of blue or violet at the base of the petals, intensifies the wealth of coloring. The Japan Iris is perfectly hardy, and flowers in great profusion in June and July, and attains greatest perfection if planted in the fall in moist soil, or if plentifully supplied with water while growing and flowering. We have a most beautiful selection. Ready in November. Price, 30 cents each, \$3 per dozen.

**Iris Hispanica.** The Spanish Iris are among the most beautiful that can be grown, the colors being of the most pleasing and diversified shades of white, yellow, blue and purple; bloom early, if planted in pots, and may then be turned into the garden. Sure to delight, and should be grown in large quantities. Fine for forcing. 10 cents each, \$1 per dozen.

**I. Alata (The Winged Iris).** A strikingly handsome bulbous species with fine large blossoms, the ground color of which is a delicate lilac blue with showy blotches of bright yellow. Usually blooms in October, and in mild weather it often flowers about Christmas. Of the easiest growth in a warm, sunny border. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

### Iris Florentina.

The pure white, sweet scented Florentine Iris. Fine for forcing. Strong roots. 20 cents, three for 50 cents.

### ISMENE CALATHINUM.

(Peruvian Sea Daffodil.)

No other bulb that we have grown has pleased and surprised us more than this. Most works on bulbs advise us to keep these dry during winter, yet our bulbs began to make foliage early in November and when potted and watered, rewarded us by New Year with the most fragrant and lovely white flowers imaginable; in shape they are unlike any *Pancratium* we know of—more like some giant *Narcissus*. One spike will often produce twelve to fifteen flowers; each measures five inches in length, and the same bulbs planted out in April



IRIS HISPANICA.



**Ismene Calathinum**, continued.

bloomed again repeatedly during June and July. The bulbs are very tenacious of life and do not lose their bloom buds by being kept dry; indeed, some kept unplanted from October until June are now in flower. A whole stem when in bud and placed in water will expand its flowers for many days. Being new and handsome, it is sure to please. Not being sure of a supply until just now, we regret that we did not get up an illustration of this handsome flower, which we can offer at the low price of 35 cents each, \$3 per dozen.

**VARIEGATED GLADWIN.**

A hardy ornamental plant of the very greatest value, and highly appreciated in England, where it is used for choicest decorations. Its leaves resemble those of the well known Pandanus or "Screw Pine," being variegated with white and green stripes. The flowers are of a pleasing



blue, and freely produced; and that is not all, for they are succeeded by large capsules which burst open when ripe and expose a number of bright red seeds as large as peas, which can be used for many purposes. The plant is perfectly hardy, and easily grown by any one. 25 cents each, 3 for 60 cents! extra strong roots, 50 cents.

**ANTHERICUM LILIASTRUM MAJOR.**

The hardy White Day Lily. One of the greatest acquisitions among hardy plants introduced of late. The pure white flowers with which the plant seems to be covered all summer are of the most exquisite odor, and have proved most valuable to florists for cut-flower purposes. While the foliage is quite dwarf the flower spikes are long, a great advantage in many cases. This is a plant that every florist should grow extensively, now that stock is offered at an approachable price. 40 cents each, \$4 per dozen.

**IXILORION.** (*Violet Lily.*)

We may well recommend this as a novelty, it being the first time it is offered in quantity, if at all, in this country. They are Asiatic bulbs, growing from 1 to 1½ feet high, having grassy foliage and large trumpet-shaped flowers, borne in a loose, elegant manner. Color

a deep shade of violet blue—hence sometimes called the "Violet Lily." It certainly deserves a place in every collection, be it ever so select, and while they may be

IXILORION (*Violet Lily.*)

quite hardy, it is not advisable to plant out such rare bulbs in ordinary borders. Stock limited. 30 cents each, \$3 per dozen.

**LACHENALIA.**

This beautiful genus of half hardy bulbs is comparatively new in this country, owing, no doubt, to the prohibitive price. The few specimens exhibited at horticultural shows created quite a sensation owing to their



LACHENALIAS.

profusion of bloom and their bright diversified colors, as well as their ornamental foliage. Of easiest growth; can be had in bloom by Christmas and last for a very long time. The following sorts are by far the best.



**Lachenalia**, continued.

- L. Aurea.** Bold spikes of yellow flowers. 20 cents each, \$2 per dozen.
- L. Pendula.** Vigorous species; bright red, tipped with sea-green and purple. 20 cents each, \$2 per dozen.
- L. Tricolor.** Bright red, yellow and green, beautifully blended. 20 cents each, \$2 per dozen.
- L. Pallida.** Robust growing; pale blue, sweet-scented flowers. 20 cents each, \$2 per dozen.

For 60 cents we send one of each of the four sorts. Mixed varieties in various colors. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.



THE PURPLE MILLA AND WHITE MILLA.

**MILLA.**

**The White Milla** (*M. biflora*) is a sweet, early summer bloomer, and while offered by many as a fall bulb, it should not be recommended as such, though it may be potted late in the year and early flowers expected. The flowers are star-shaped, pure white, fragrant, and held by the plant with much grace. It blooms several times in a season. 10 cents each, \$1 per dozen.

**THE PURPLE MILLA.**

This can be safely planted out in the fall, and will then bloom early in the spring. It has many advantages over the White Milla. First, in that it flowers in dense clusters of 12 to 30 blossoms, each two inches across and of a bright violet purple color with a deep stripe running through each division. A bulb often produces several flower spikes during a season. Sure to become popular as soon as known, and can be highly recommended. 8 cents each, 75 cents per dozen.

**MOREA PAVONIA.** (*The Peacock Flower.*)

Perhaps one of the most distinct plants in cultivation—flowers Iris-like, pure white with a beautiful porcelain-blue stain nearly  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch broad at the base of the three large divisions; the spot is margined with dark purple teeth, and is of a fine, deep violet at the base. Perfectly hardy; grown outside in sandy peat or loam; blooms early in spring; scarce this season. A beautiful bulb which you want at once! 15 cents each, \$1.50 per doz.



MOREA PAVONIA (Iris.)

**NERINE.**

It is almost inconceivable that while so many bulbs are grown in the United States these should have been entirely overlooked. It cannot be that their merits are not known to most florists, who certainly must be aware of their great popularity in England, where they are sold in large quantities at the highest prices.

**Japanese Pink Spider Lily.**

(See cut on second page.)

Our native white Spider Lily, *Pancratium Caribæum*, pleased every one so well (after we brought it into notice) that the Japanese Pink and Salmon varieties cannot fail to create another sensation. Moreover, if planted in a warm light position, they will prove perfectly hardy, with some protection; in the southern states they would surely thrive freely and increase rapidly in the open air, without any protection whatever, blooming at the proper time.

As shown in our illustration, a clump of bulbs produces a large number of spikes of the most delicate flowers, varying in their colors from pinkish salmon to pink, vermilion and scarlet, the petals being beautifully undulated, and by artificial light sparkling like jewels; an ornament indeed for the finest parlor.

They bloom from September until November, and therefore should be ordered as early as possible. All lovers of the beautiful should certainly add this to their collection.

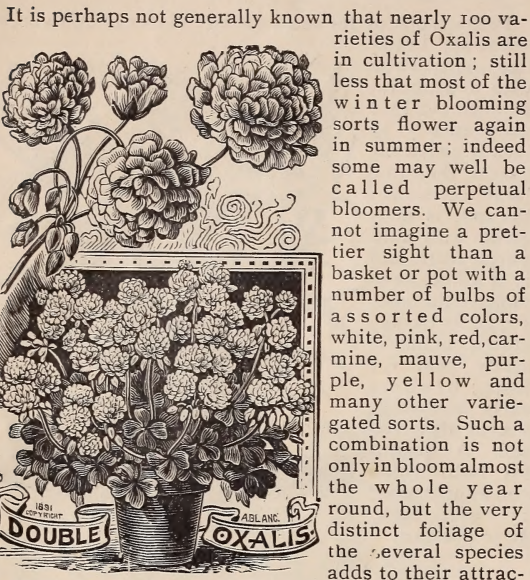
Largest bulbs of blooming size, 35 cents each, 3 for 75 cents, \$2.50 per dozen.

**Nerine Undulata** (Purple Spider Lily). Similar to the above, but flowers of deep rosy purple, beautifully crimped at edge of petals; a beautiful bloomer. 50 cents each, 3 for \$1.25.

**N. Fothergilli Major.** Nothing in the way of color can surpass the splendor of this flower, its texture being so extremely delicate. Color, vivid scarlet. The most floriferous of the group. \$1 each.

**N. Sarniensis** (The Guernsey Lily). As pot plants, nothing can be more beautiful, and if a few bulbs of *Oxalis* be planted around the bulb, a thing of beauty will be had forever! Flowers, flesh to salmon. They are graceful in form as well as fine in coloring, and very attractive. 25 cents each, three for 60 cents.



**OXALIS.**

It is perhaps not generally known that nearly 100 varieties of Oxalis are in cultivation; still less that most of the winter blooming sorts flower again in summer; indeed some may well be called perpetual bloomers. We cannot imagine a prettier sight than a basket or pot with a number of bulbs of assorted colors, white, pink, red, carmine, mauve, purple, yellow and many other variegated sorts. Such a combination is not only in bloom almost the whole year round, but the very distinct foliage of the several species adds to their attractiveness. Oxalis may be planted together with many other bulbs, and will bloom long before others show any sign of buds.

**Oxalis Cernua.** Very large yellow flowers, in clusters. An extra sort. 5 cents each, 6 for 25 cents.

**O. Lutea fl. plena.** The beautiful double yellow variety; exceedingly fine and attractive. 8 cents each, 6 for 40 cents.

**O. Bowiei.** Large vivid rosy crimson. Constant bloomer. 5 cents each, 6 for 25 cents.

**O. Versicolor.** Crimson and white. 5 cents each, 6 for 25 cents.

**O. Deippi.** Rosy purple; very pretty. One of the most desirable bloomers, winter and summer. 5 cents each, 6 for 25 cents.

**O. Violacea Alba.** Strong grower, profuse bloomer; flowers rosy purple, with white eye; fine sort. 5 cents each, 6 for 25 cents.

**One Bulb of each of the 6 sorts named for 25 cents; three of each for 60 cents.**

**Thirty Other Varieties.** 5 cents each, 60 for \$2 (2 of each sort.) (Mixed sorts, 25 cents per dozen.)



OXALIS, MIXED VARIETIES.



PANCRATIUM MARITIMUM (Sea Daffodil.)

**PANCRATIUMS.**

The majority of the Pancratiums being evergreen in their foliage will bloom much more abundantly if potted in the fall, or planted in cold frames; they will then be in full foliage in early spring, and cannot fail to produce their sweet-scented flowers in abundance.

**Pancratium Caribæum** (Spider Lily). Numerous clusters of delicate pure white sweet-scented flowers, lasting long in bloom. 25 cents each, 3 for 60 cents.

**P. Maritimum** (The Sea Daffodil). Bears large panicles of pure white fragrant amaryllis-like flowers, yellowish inside and of delightful odor. Planted a foot in the ground, in light sandy soil, they will prove hardy. One of the finest of Pancratiums. If whole stems are cut the flowers will continue opening in succession for two weeks. 20 cts. each, 3 for 50 cts.



**P. Illyricum.** Bears a stout flower stem, terminated by numerous umbels of deliciously fragrant and attractive large white blossoms. A rare gem. 35 cts. each.





SCILLA CLUSII.

**SCILLA.**

**Scilla Clusii.** Produces an enormous head of dark blue star-shaped flowers, sometimes two feet in circumference, and as the flowers open gradually, their season of bloom lasts for a long time. Being perfectly hardy, it will prove as valuable an addition to the garden as it will for pot culture. It is a noble plant indeed, which should be grown extensively, as it surely will be when it becomes fully known. 20 cents each, 3 for 50 cents.

**S. Cernua.** Spanish Bluebell. Flowers in large clusters; color blue, often shading to rosy purple or whitish, on stems only six to nine inches long. Makes a fine show when five or six bulbs are planted in one pot. Flowers sweet scented. 5 cents each, 6 for 20 cents.

**S. Hughii.** The finest and largest of all the Scillas, and a beautiful foliage plant when not in bloom; the leaves two inches broad and very long; flower lilac,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches across in immense heads. Scape, pedicels and bracts tinged with red. A scarce variety, 20 cents each, 3 for 50 cents.

SCILLA HUGHII.

**S. Campanulata.** Nothing can be more charming than a half dozen of these planted in one pot, especially



SCILLA CAMPANULATA.

of the mixed sorts. One is sure then to obtain a beautiful combination of colors, such as white, pink, blue and purple flowers on large spikes and a long period of bloom. Blue or white. 5 cents each, 6 for 20 cents.

**S. Campanulata Rosea.** A most beautiful rosy-red variety of the above; very scarce. 15 cents each. The 5 Scillas named above for 50 cents.

Mixed varieties, 3 for 10 cts.; 12 for 30 cts.

**STERNBERGIA LUTEA.**

Extensively advertised as "Amaryllis Lutea," and sold at a high price. Fine large crocus-like flowers, brilliant yellow, blooming late in the fall; perfectly hardy. Of simple culture; plant six inches deep. 10 cents each, 75 cents per dozen, \$3 per hundred. Should be ordered early in the season.



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TULIPA GREIGI (ROYAL TULIP)

### RARE TULIPS.

**Tulipa Greigi** (The Royal Tulip). Of all the known species of tulips this is perhaps the most showy and desirable as an indoor or garden plant. It blooms freely in April or May, its large goblet-shaped flowers being generally of a vivid scarlet color, but there are also purple and yellow flowered forms. The bulbs are so extremely hardy that they withstand freezing and thawing with impunity, and even when the leaves are half grown they will endure a temperature of zero without any protection. The plant is a vigorous grower, attaining a height of from 9 to 15 inches and bearing flowers 12 to 18 inches in circumference, and a number of leaves with undulated margins, the whole of the upper surface being boldly blotched with purple and chocolate-brown; occasionally, however,



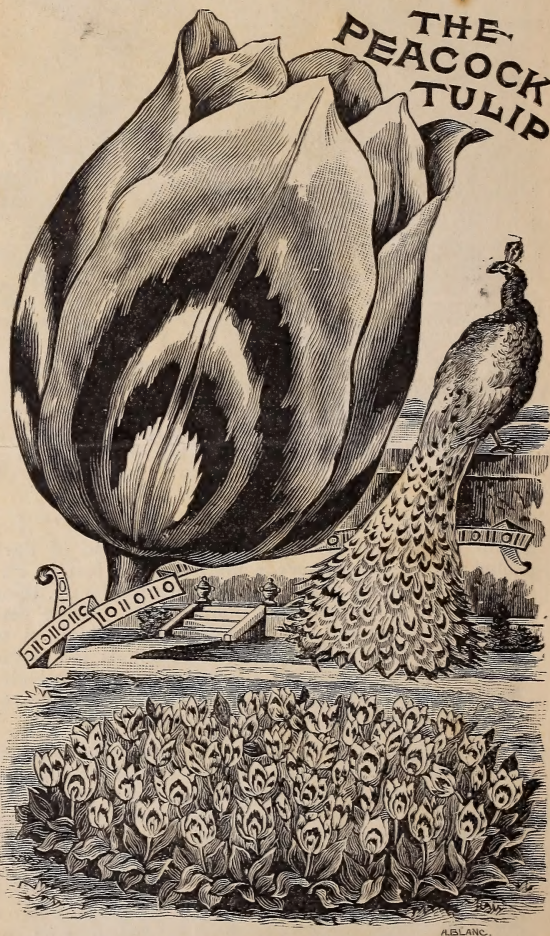
TULIPA FULGENS.

#### Tulipa Greigi, continued.

the spots are lacking. Grows freely in any soil, and improves yearly. It is the most expensive of all tulips and the most glorious in beauty, and well deserves the high-sounding name of "Royal Tulip." As an ornamental plant for indoors it is very desirable, its beautiful foliage making it attractive from the very moment the leaves make their appearance. 40 cents each, \$3 per dozen.

**T. Fulgens** (Fiery Tulip). One of the largest flowering tulips, often measuring twenty inches in circumference; color of the most brilliant scarlet, with yellow centre; very showy. 12 cents each, \$1 per dozen.

**T. Oculis Solis** (Sun's Eye; Peacock Tulip). A remarkable flower indeed, attracting a great deal of admiration. Color intense dazzling scarlet; the many

PEACOCK TULIP. (*T. oculis Solis.*)

bands of yellowy black, purple and gold have called forth such exclamations as "Brilliant as the sun," "Beautiful as the peacock," etc. 12 cents each, \$1 per dozen.

**T. Cornuta** (Japanese Tulip). Like all things from Japan, this is an oddity. Imagine a flower which when open, measures a foot across, composed of six petals twisted and curled like a horn, beautifully variegated scarlet and yellow. 12 cents each, \$1 per dozen.

**T. Florentina** (Sweet Scented Tulip). Tall, yellow and delightfully fragrant tulip. 10 cents each, \$1 per dozen.